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FM AMCONSUL DOUALA  
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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EINV  
SUBJECT: OIL COMPANY COMPENSATION CLAIMS

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### 1. CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

TEXACO REP SUDER SENT TELEGRAM DIRECT TO EMPEROR ON MARCH 31.  
BELLET OF CENTROHYDRO CONFIRMED RECEIPT ONLY RECENTLY. ACCORDING  
BELLET, EMPEROR PASSED MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER WHO HAS APPOINTED  
A COMMISSION TO CONSIDER ALL OIL COMPANY CLAIMS. BELLET NOTED COM-  
MISSION WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OF DELIBERATION AND ADDED  
THAT TEXACO HAD SUBMITTED THE MOST COMPLETE DOSSIER OF ALL. SUDER  
SAID HIS STAFF HAD SPENT WEEKS ASSEMBLING THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.  
(REFTEL PARAS 3 AND 4). (COMMENT: COMPANIES ARE READY AND ANXIOUS  
TO PROCEED WITH CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY  
STAND. NO INFORMATION OR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MEETING WITH  
CENTROHYDRO LAST JANUARY.) IN AN ASIDE SUDER SAID HE HAD HEARD MGOMA  
(FORMER ENERGY AND MINES SECRETARY OF STATE) LOST HIS JOB AND IS NOW  
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RUNNING A STATIONERY SHOP IN BANGUI. REASON IS UNKNOWN. HOWEVER,  
AS MGOMA IS A RELATIVE OF BOKASSA, IT IS OPEN TO QUESTION THAT HE  
DID IN FACT LOSE HIS POSITION.

### 2. CONGO

SUDER NOTED THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BRAZZAVILLE  
BUT HE HOPES MEETING FOR JUNE OR JULY IS STILL ON (REFTEL PARA ONE).

IT IS ALSO RUMORED THAT BONGOUANDE, HYDROCONGO POLITICAL COMMISAR,  
HAS BEEN REPLACED.

3. ANGOLA

TEXACO HEADQUARTERS CORAL GABLES ASKED ANGOLAN PETROLEUM BOARD  
FOR REVIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION. MORAIS OF BOARD REPLIED THAT TEAM  
OF EXPERTS IS STUDYING TEXACO CASE BUT GAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION AND  
INVITATION FOR TEXACO REP TO VISIT ANGOLA WAS NOT FORTHCOMING.  
HOWEVER, SUDER BELIEVES ANGOLANS WANT EXPLORATION TO CONTINUE AND  
DESIRE COOPERATE. (ASKED IF THIS SPIRIT MIGHT APPLY ONLY TO GULF  
OIL, SUDER SAID HE THROUGH AND HOPED NOT.) GULF IS PRODUCING  
120,000 TO 140,000 BARRELS DAILY AT ANGOLAN WELLS WITH ANGOLA  
RECEIVING SOME 400 TO 500 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN ROYALTIES  
WHEREAS TEXACO IS NOW PRODUCING ONLY ABOUT 15,000 BARRELS A DAY.  
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